

**House File 2413 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE 2413  
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2069)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the registration requirements for certain  
2 vessels, requiring water use permits, making appropriations,  
3 and including effective date provisions.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 462A.5, subsection 3, paragraph a,  
2 subparagraph (1), Code 2022, is amended to read as follows:

3 (1) For vessels of any length without motor or sail, ~~twelve~~  
4 twenty dollars.

5 Sec. 2. Section 462A.6, subsection 7, paragraph b, Code  
6 2022, is amended to read as follows:

7 b. Conventional design canoes and kayak type vessels,  
8 ~~thirteen feet or less in~~ of any length.

9 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **462A.6B Water use permit decal —**  
10 **water trail development and maintenance fund.**

11 1. The owner of a conventional design canoe or kayak type  
12 vessel using the vessel on waters of this state that are under  
13 the jurisdiction of the commission shall purchase and display  
14 on the vessel a water use permit decal. The department shall  
15 make the water use permit decal available to purchase for  
16 twenty dollars at water recreation facilities operated by the  
17 department and at retail locations. The water use permit decal  
18 shall be valid until expiration three years after the date of  
19 purchase. Moneys from the purchase of water use permit decals  
20 shall be deposited as provided in subsection 2.

21 2. A water trail development and maintenance fund is  
22 established in the state treasury under the control of the  
23 department. The fund shall consist of moneys deposited  
24 in the fund pursuant to subsection 1 and any other moneys  
25 appropriated to or deposited in the fund. Moneys in the fund  
26 are appropriated to the department for purposes of developing  
27 and maintaining water trails in this state, administering  
28 and enforcing navigation laws, and promoting water safety.  
29 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the fund that remain  
30 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of a fiscal year shall  
31 not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for the  
32 purposes designated. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection  
33 2, interest or earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited  
34 to the fund.

35 Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The following takes effect July 1,

1 2023:

2 The sections of this Act amending section 462A.6 and  
3 enacting section 462A.6B.

4 EXPLANATION

5 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
6 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

7 This bill relates to registration requirements for certain  
8 vessels. Under current law, vessels of any length without a  
9 motor shall pay to a county recorder a registration fee of \$12  
10 in order for the vessel to be issued an identification number.  
11 A vessel may not be used on the waters of this state that are  
12 under the jurisdiction of the natural resource commission  
13 (NRC) without an identification number. Current law exempts  
14 conventional design canoes and kayak type vessels that are 13  
15 feet or less in length from the numbering and registration  
16 requirements.

17 The bill increases the registration fee for vessels of any  
18 length without a motor to \$20. However, the bill exempts a  
19 canoe or kayak type vessel of any length from registration  
20 requirements. Instead, an owner of a conventional design  
21 canoe or kayak type vessel using the vessel on waters of this  
22 state under NRC jurisdiction shall purchase and display on the  
23 vessel a water use permit decal. The department of natural  
24 resources (DNR) shall make the water use permit decal available  
25 to purchase for \$20 at water recreation facilities operated by  
26 DNR and at retail locations. The water use permit decal shall  
27 be valid for three years from the date of purchase. Moneys  
28 from the purchase of water use permit decals shall be deposited  
29 in the water trail development fund established in the bill.  
30 Moneys in the fund are appropriated to DNR for purposes  
31 of developing and maintaining water trails in this state,  
32 administering and enforcing navigation laws, and promoting  
33 water safety.

34 The provisions of the bill relating to water use permit  
35 decals and the water trail development fund take effect July

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1 1, 2023.